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UMBRELLA POLITICS

1,000 umbrellas to provide shade to street vendors



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STEP LIGHTLY

As covid cases rise, time to be alert once again, folks

All 80 trees impacted by white-topping along Gandhi Bazaar Main Road may perish due to extensive root damage

ROOT SHOCK

'Project design involved drilling tree roots for laying utility pipes'

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) white-topping work of Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Basavanagudi appears to have impacted all 80 avenue trees along the one-kilometre stretch. According to a tree assessment conducted by the residents of the area, all the trees are prone to falling within the next couple of years or so due to extensive root damage.

"We got the assessment of all the avenue trees done by a retired forest officer. As per the evaluation, nearly 60% of the roots of all 80 trees have sustained damage. The expert told us that the trees will not survive for more than five years and face the risk of falling," said Guru Prasad, a resident of the area and secretary of Heritage Basavanagudi Residents Welfare Forum.

Residents told BM that while they have been pushing the BBMP's forest cell to take measures to save the trees, the civic body wing has



only been dilly dallying.

"Even after two months of constant complaints, the civic body has failed to conduct an assessment of the damaged

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It may take two or three years for the trees to begin to look like they are declining, and will soon result in tree death

— Ravindra Reshme, botanist

OFF CAMERA



Three CCTV cameras attached to a pole have been dysfunctional for a long time, and the pole is about to fall on the ground anytime

'Many CCTV cameras installed earlier have become dysfunctional; no measures taken to fix them'

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Bengaluru is on its way to become one of the cities with the largest CCTV network. However, the question is, how many of these cameras are actually functional. It is alleged that many cameras which were installed earlier have become dysfunctional and no measures have been taken to fix them.

Suresh R, a resident of Mallasandra said, "Earlier, Mallasandra was touted as a model ward and almost all the roads had CCTV cameras installed. We were told that these cameras will be connected to a command centre where all the activities could be monitored. The idea looked rosy but after years of installation, most of the cameras are not even functioning. So, we wonder what the use of these cameras is."

Upendra R, a resident of Yeshwantpur said: "CCTV cameras are vital as they will provide critical clues in case of emergency. However, sadly, many cameras are nothing but showpieces. Now, we wonder how much money has been spent on dysfunctional cameras. Merely

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...Meanwhile, chopping order too

3 THINGS TO DO



01 Free eye checkup

In celebration of International Women's Day, Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital is offering free eye checkups for women of all age groups across all its 11 branches in Bengaluru till March 31. This initiative is aimed at raising awareness about the various eye diseases and disorders that women are at a higher risk of developing, such as ocular manifestations of autoimmune diseases, dry eye, low vision, thyroid eye diseases, and refractive errors. Women can register for a free eye checkup by contacting 080-48193435.

02 Book talk



Andaljeeb Wajid will be releasing her latest book series 'The Jasmine Villa'. The series is all about the 3 wonderful women depicting their strong and independent female characters. The series is breezy, entertaining and realistic. Wajid is a hybrid author, having published 40 novels in the past 14 years. Her famous books are:

No times for goodbyes, Mirror, Mirror, 'More than just biryani' etc. Where: Blossom Book House When: March 10, 6:30 pm

Adenovirus: All you need to know

Infection usually mild in children say doctors; awareness key to fighting it

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There has been a spurt in cases of adenovirus among the children, health professionals in Bengaluru say.

The adenovirus is said to cause mild infections in children, however the infection may even result in outbreaks of 'Madras Eye' infection or the pink conjunctivitis and in some cases, lead to severe respiratory illnesses.

Paediatricians revealed that the adenovirus cases are being reported from last August; however, in the past three weeks a rise in cases have been reported and a swab test is being done at the hospitals to confirm the adenovirus.

Dr Rajath Athreya, Senior Consultant and HOD Paediatrics and Neonatology, Sakra World Hospital Bengaluru said, "Adenovirus is a DNA virus which usually causes mild transient infections, mostly in children. There are many variants and the most common of the infections are fever with cold symptoms, throat pain, red eyes and croupy cough. One may recollect short outbreaks of 'Madras Eye/Pink Eye' conjunctivitis - that is caused by adenovirus too. Severe illness with adenovirus has been rare. Although we have had this going on since last few months, over last 3 weeks we have seen a huge uptick. In OPD and ER we



Children are more prone to contract the infection during close contact in school or while playing

see about 30 odd children every day who maybe having adenoviral infections. We are admitting three - four such kids every day. Admitted children with flu or adenovirus symptoms are being tested for the virus by throat swab. A majority of these children have short duration hospital stays."

In one of the cases at Sakra World Hospital, a three-year-old and his older brother had red eyes, throat pain and high fevers. The three-year-old was dehydrated and lethargic and had low oxygen levels. He needed ICU care as his lungs were in-

involved, needed medicines to support his low blood pressure.

The work-up showed high level of adenovirus. His course was further complicated by his blood counts starting to fall. His body had mounted an aggressive immune response and adenovirus was the trigger.

Apart from other supportive care he received IV immunoglobulin to which he responded. But his brother like many other kids only needed fever medicines and IV fluids and made a quick recovery.

Dr Subramanian Swaminathan, Director Infectious Diseases,

Look out for these symptoms

- Sudden onset of high fever with chills
- Headache, nausea and vomiting
- Red eyes and red throat
- Poor response to fever medications
- Excessive tiredness
- Burning sensation during urination

Protocols like not sharing face towels, frequent washing of hands, masking up if sick can go a long way to preventing infection, say experts

es, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, Bengaluru explained that adenovirus occurs primarily due to droplet transmission.

"It is primarily droplet transmission just like every other respiratory viral like influenza. It's seen more commonly in children because children tend to contract respiratory viral infections very quickly," he said.

Dr Athreya pointed out on good old recommendations for covid. Cough and follow the respiratory etiquette, frequent hand washing and use of alcohol hand gels, masking if you are unwell to reduce spread, not sharing face towels may limit the spread within a household and in classrooms, he said.

Parents should keep their kids well hydrated too, add experts.

VK Sthree Sambhrama

Vijay Karnataka is organising VK Sthree Sambhrama at Kuvempu Kalakshetra, VV Puram on March 11. The event will begin with folk arts, followed by a formal inauguration by TA Saravana (MLC), Sathya-vathi (MD, BMTG) and Tejaswini Ananth Kumar (head of Adama)

Chetana) at 11.30 am. A series of interesting events have been planned for the day including a fun session with ventriloquist Indushree, folk songs by Savitakka, Gulabi gang play by Rangapayana team, cuisine contest and a health talk by experts. Actor Aditi Prabhudeva will participate in a coffee session with celebrity programme, felicitation to women achievers and the event will culminate with a musical concert by singers Pruthvi Bhat and Ankita Kundu. The public is invited to take part in the programme.



Hearing impaired, but she keeps learning

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Despite the hardships that come with hearing impairment, 23-year-old Shama's (inset) parents never felt the need to admit her to any special schools for children with disabilities.

Now, she has completed her graduation in Computer Science (BE) from the Cambridge Institute of Technology, Bengaluru with first-class distinction.

The college honoured the student on March 4 on their graduation day.

Shama P Mantagi did her schooling from Bharatiya Vidya Nikethan and got her senior sec-

ondary education from Indus Valley PU college.

"She has never attended any special school as we wanted her to be a part of the formal education system. She doesn't know sign language also... She took her training from a Rotary School for deaf children and mothers. They do not need to know sign language there and the main purpose of these schools is to bring these children into mainstream education," explained Pradeep S Mantagi, Shama's father.

However, due to the lack of disabled-friendly technology and assistance in schools and colleges, the journey was not a smooth one for Shama.

"It is a very tough situation and parents' support, especially the mother's support is very im-

portant in such situations. I, being a working person was not available around all the time... Ever since she was learning her first words, we had to repeat the same thing over and over sometimes hundreds of times for her to grab the word," he said while speaking to Bangalore Mirror.

Shama can understand both Kannada and English. "She has a hearing aid with which she is able to manage to communicate and she makes use of lip reading as well. In college, as she was not able to hear anything it was really tough. Out of 100 words, she could grasp some two or three words clearly... She had to be taught at home and put in extra effort herself," Pradeep added.

Along with the support from friends and family, YouTube



and other platforms for online learning have helped Shama get through four years of engineering college.

"It is very difficult and it requires a lot of willpower and patience on the child's side. For junior classes, I taught her at home then had to take the help of some tuition. Mainly, YouTube videos with closed captions have been very helpful for her and that is the only remedy for hearing-impaired children," said Madhuri P Mantagi, Shama's mother.

Is anyone protecting our trees?

Tree Expert Committee allows removal of 400 trees for redevelopment projects in city



Activists say there are no public consultations for major work

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The Karnataka High Court-appointed Tree Expert Committee (TEC) is back in action with a fresh set of orders. This time, the panel has given the nod to remove nearly 400 trees in the city for two development projects – the redevelopment and construction of a new building at Cantonment Railway Station and hangars for the HAL campus.

Over 30 objections were filed by netizens in response to the above public notices put up by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Citizens requested the authorities to look for alternatives. However, the authorities have decided to look the other way.

In the first order, TEC allowed translocation and removal of 315 trees standing at the Cantonment railway station for the construction of a new building. This is after the South Western Railways (SWR) had sought permission for clearance of 385 trees standing at the proposed project area. A public notice regarding the same was issued in September last year by the Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP.

In response to the notice, concerned citizens filed 22 objections within 10 days. Objections included the impact of losing green cover on the city's temperature, air quality, and water security. Citizens also expressed their worries about heritage trees on the campus. They suggested authorities bring in architectural changes rather than cutting the trees.

SWR authorities have reportedly discounted the objections

stating that the Cantonment Railway Station redevelopment plan has been made according to directives of the railway board.

"The existing station building in Bengaluru is more than 100 years old and cannot cater to the needs of ever-increasing passenger demand," said SWR.

The TEC then conducted a field inspection, and out of 385 trees proposed for removal, gave permission to cut/translocate 315. While 26 of them will undergo transplantation, 289 will be cut.

"The process of inviting public objections has become a ritual. The idea behind bringing in this practice was to ensure that the citizen, the biggest stakeholder of any development project, has a say. Even if the decision has come from the central railway board it does not imply that Bengaluru should lose its green cover. DCF, tree officer, or any other authority cannot mechanically accept project plans without considering people's views," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust.

Rail activists and public transport proponents said that while new platforms and related services are required to add to the station's capacity, the proposed construction should not be a high priority. It will downgrade the heritage value of the city's oldest railway station, they added.

"There are more important infrastructural facilities required such as road overbridges and underbridges at level crossings and doubling of Channasandra-Baypanahalli track. There are no public consultations for major projects. The biggest stakeholders of a railway station are the people who are going to use it," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder, Citizen for Citizen.

Driver arrested for murdering woman

Bagalur Police has arrested a man for killing a woman in Indiranagar and discarding her body outside the city. The accused has been identified as Bhimrao and the victim is Deepa. Deepa was working in a private company in Hoskote and Bhimrao was working as a cab driver in the same company.

The accused used to pick up the victim from Indiranagar every day and drop her back. He started harassing her eventually,

pestering her to be in a relationship with him. The victim expressed her disapproval of the matter.

On February 27, when Bhimrao went to pick up the victim, he assaulted her with an iron rod, following which she fell down and died. He carried her body in a car, dumped it in a deserted area near Bagalur, and fled.

He was subsequently arrested by the police. -BMB

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VIJAY KARNATAKA Sthree Sambhrama

Date: 11 March 2023, Saturday

Venue: Kuvempu Kalakshetra, BIT College,
KIMS Campus, V.V.Puram, Bengaluru

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11.00AM Performance by folk art team

11.30AM Inauguration by Dr. T.A. Sharavana, MLC | Smt. G. Satyavathi IAS, MD, BMTC,
Smt. Tejaswini Ananthkumar, Founder, Adanya Chethana.

12.00 Noon
'Indian Festival Food'
Cooking competition
for women groups

Guest:
Smt. Parimala Jaggesh

2.30PM - 3.45PM

"Gulaabi Gang"

Drama by
Rangapayana @ team

4.15 PM - 4.45 PM

Coffee With Celebrity

Smt. Aditi Prabhudeva



7.00PM - 8.00PM

Melange of music by SARIGAMAPA fame Pruthvi Bhat & Ankita Kundu.

Attractive prizes for lucky women participating in the event

12.30PM

"A story of a doll
with you all"

Fun time with famous
ventriloquist Indushree



4.45PM - 5.45PM

Saree Celebration

VK Saree heritage
competition for
women groups

Guests:

Smt. Jahnavi Kulkarni
Smt. Vrinda Shekhar,
Desi Saree Experts

Attend,
Participate
& Win
Prizes

1.00PM - 2.30PM

Celebration of Folk songs
By well known singer
Savitakka

3.45PM - 4.15 PM

"Please take care"
Doctalk on women's
health by
Dr. Sharada A.,
Manipal Hospital

6.00PM - 7.00PM

Valedictory Function
& Honouring the
Women Achievers

Guests:

Dr. T.A. Sharavana, MLC
Smt. Priyanka Upendra,
Actress
Smt. Vyjayanthi Kashi,
Indian Dancer

Free
Entry

Colour Partner



Real Estate Partner



Banking Partner



Immunity Booster Partner



Special Partners



Venue Partner: Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha.

Election barter system: Trade votes for shade?

Politicians shower gifts on voters before state assembly elections

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With state assembly elections set to take place in a few months, politicians are vying among themselves to shower gifts on voters. These gifts include organising pilgrimage trips for citizens and distributing home appliances to them. No major political party is immune to using all available occasions to inch closer to the voters.

On Thursday, Congress ticket aspirant from Rajajinagar Assembly constituency, Raghuveer S Gowda, came up with a unique idea – the distribution of around 1,000 umbrellas to provide shade to the street vendors in Rajajinagar Assembly constituency.

"The decision to distribute umbrellas was not taken in a hurry. It was discussed with the street vendors. They asked me to provide proper shops for them, but it will be a long process."

They told me that they were finding it tough to continue business due to the scorching heat of summer. I decided to provide them with umbrellas as a temporary relief," he said.

He said that more than 100 umbrellas were distributed on Thursday.



Congress ticket aspirant from Rajajinagar Assembly constituency, Raghuveer S Gowda, plans to distribute 1,000 of these umbrellas with his party symbol among vendors who need shade during summer

"We will continue distributing these umbrellas to all street vendors in the Rajajinagar Assembly constituency. The distribution process will be completed in a few days," he added.

The street vendors, most of them women, were very happy to receive these gifts. "I want to thank Raghuveer Gowda for giving me an umbrella. It will be a great help for me during the tough summer months," said Kusuma, one of the recipients.

Jayalakshmi, a flower vendor, also expressed her gratitude. She said, "It not only protects me, but also provides shade to my flowers from the scorching sun. I want to thank him for helping me."

Prema, who sells prayer items

“They (vendors) asked me to provide proper shops for them, but it will be a long process. I am giving umbrellas as a temporary relief

– Raghuveer S Gowda, Congress

near Doddamma Temple at Shivahalli, said that Gowda had sponsored a pilgrimage trip for her recently. "We want small shops to carry out our business without any hassles. I have to thank Raghuveer Gowda for giving me an umbrella," she said.

It may be recalled that there was much hue and cry over the distribution of sub-standard pressure cookers by a few prominent politicians in the city. Recently, a former minister distributed sarees and rice to the voters of his constituency.

Meanwhile, T Vanajakshi, Town Vending Committee member, said that it is up to politicians whether they want to give vendors umbrellas with their photos and party symbols or plain umbrellas.

"Street vendors do not discriminate against any political party. They will accept the umbrellas with or without photos of leaders and symbols of political parties," said Vanajakshi.

These lakes are under rejuvenation radar

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The Garudacharpalya Lake on Goshala Road was once completely full of sewage, causing it to dry up completely. Many new residents arriving in the area were not even aware of its existence. However, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes team took the initiative to revitalize the water body, and it has now been transformed into a beautiful recreational spot. The success of this project has inspired the Lakes department to redevelop more lakes in the Mahadevpura division.

The Gunjur Mavina Kere and Carmelram Kere are the next two lakes that are set to be redeveloped. The goal is to increase their storage capacity to 223 million litres and 53 million litres, respectively. The total ground water absorption is expected



Garudacharpalya Lake on Goshala Road was full of sewage, causing it to dry up completely; the BBMP Lakes department has revived it now

to be around 600 million litres per year.

Clement Jaykumar, member of the Jal Shakthi Task Force, said, "The Jal Shakthi Task Force is closely monitoring the progress of these projects and has identified three key areas for lake development. These

include fencing the lake to safeguard the property, desilting or deepening the lake to improve or regain water holding capacity, and improving water quality through silt traps or trash barriers and diversion canals."

The MLA of the Mahadevpura Constituency, Arvind Limbavali,

has allocated funds for the redevelopment of these lakes. The initial work of desilting has already begun at Gunjur Mavina Kere. "While the development of the lakes usually involves creating walkways and jogging paths, the primary focus here is on core areas such as fencing and desilting to create a deeper area that can hold more water," informed Jaykumar.

The aim of this drive is to restore these lakes by the beginning of next year. The Lakes department is also looking to redevelop the Pattandur Agrahara Lake.

However, due to limited funds, the rejuvenation of Pattandur Agrahara will only be taken up after the development of Gunjur Mavina Kere and Carmelram Kere. With the successful rejuvenation of Garudacharpalya Lake, the Lakes department is taking steps towards creating a sustainable future for Bengaluru's water bodies.

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Public barrier

Marathahalli



A private jewellery shop has placed barriers in the busy bus stop area opposite Marathahalli market.

Burning leaves

SJP Park



Leaves are being burnt inside SJP Park near KR Market.

Accident alert

RT Nagar



Open drains in RT Nagar, 1st Block, 16th cross are causing accidents.

As covid cases rise, time to be alert, folks

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Covid cases in Bengaluru hit a three-figure mark after many months, amid a rise in cases across India. A sizable chunk of these cases is from Karnataka, with Bengaluru contributing the maximum number of cases.

As per Wednesday's health bulletin, Bengaluru once again crossed the three-number mark as 102 people tested positive. The Covid hospitalisation in the city is increasing with 36 people are being treated in hospitals: two of them in ICU ventilator, nine in ICU, three in HDU and rest in general wards.

After many months, Bengaluru also recorded first Covid death as an 81-year-old man who has complaints of breathless and SARI died after three days in hospital. On Thursday, Bengaluru reported 50 Covid cases.

When Bangalore Mirror caught up with Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on rising Covid cases, he said, "There is absolutely nothing to worry as Covid cases are under control."

So far, 18, 78,559 have been infected and 16,990 people have lost their lives due to Covid since March 8, 2020. As three years pass since the inception of the virus, many recounted their experiences of living with a virus.

"The initial months of the first



wave were very scary not just because of the disease spread but due to severe restrictions and reactions. For many of us who had never heard of

lockdown, we experienced instances like being in home, police catching us if we move out of our territory, residents barricading their roads so that no one enters their area, and many villagers barring people from moving in or out. There were also months of medical crisis as initially there were shortage of masks and medicines, people using influence to get hospital beds. Worse, many migrated to their villages but there were no vehicles. People had to walk hundreds of kilometres, many lost their jobs etc. The silver lining has been that we moved on and things are nearly normal," said Radha R, a final year degree student.

A city-based doctor added that during the first wave, India saw a

trailer of the pandemic as many other countries were suffering when the cases were yet to peak in the country. Similarly, during the second wave, Indians saw examples of Europe and the US where the second wave was causing an alarm and yet no measures were taken to improve the health infrastructure, ramping of oxygen, remdesivir or any other crucial aspects. In hindsight, he added, it is true that the pandemic is such that we may not be able to stop it completely but at least we could have taken adequate steps so that we had ramped up the health facilities. "We hope Covid has taught all of us an important lesson as to how to ramp up health infrastructure in case of future outbreak of any diseases."

Turf battles over Namma Clinic vs community hall

Residents say space for public events was made into clinic without consulting them



The community hall is now a Namma Clinic, a chain of health facilities set up by BBMP last month

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Residents of Jeevan Bhima Nagar are up in arms at the conversion of a community hall into a Namma Clinic that was done without public consultation. According to residents, the space was used as a venue for different functions for underprivileged sections and also as an anganwadi.

Nearly 108 Namma Clinics were inaugurated by the Palike last month and 135 are yet to reopen. The state government had allocated Rs 150 crore for setting up 438 clinics across Karnataka with 243 in Bengaluru itself.

The larger idea was to create the availability of primary health at a ward level with one unit catering to each BBMP ward. But the

For decades, the space was used by families from financially weak backgrounds for weddings & other events

—a social worker

well-intentioned effort seems to have drawn ire as citizens allege that a community hall that was largely used economically weaker sections to hold functions was converted into a Namma Clinic without their consultation.

A social worker explained that when the concept of Namma Clinics was announced by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, they had requested for a unit to be established in the ward, especially in the area housed by the economically weaker section.

Specific funds were allocated and they were under the assumption that a new building will be constructed. But here, a community hall was repurposed into a

Namma Clinic. The kitchen in the community hall has been converted into a lab and the community hall has been turned into a consulting room.

"For decades, the space was used by poor families to conduct weddings and other events. Such spaces are essential for those who cannot afford to pay for high-priced venues. Residents and local group leaders raised objections to the move and mentioned it in the ward committee meeting," said the social worker.

As per the minutes of the meeting of the ward committee meeting held in December 2022, residents objected to the conversion and the AEE present in the meet-

ing asked the residents to approach the MOH department.

A senior BBMP official from the Health Department countered the allegations, saying, "The clinic came up with the consultation of the public. Namma Clinics were established in the larger benefit of the community at large. There are several community halls that can be started anywhere but space well suited for Namma Clinic is limited."

Residents further demanded that authorities construct an alternative space for a community hall and an anganwadi.

A resident of the area, Krishnan told BM the building was constructed by BDA. "The space was used by residents for tailoring centres, anganwadi for poor children, and food provision for people in old age homes. Residents have heavily opposed the move but with no use," he added.

Scam stinker for BDA

A Kannada movie producer on Thursday alleged that the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has colluded with land mafia and politicians by allowing the latter to sell the land acquired by it.

Umapathy Srinivas Gowda told the media that the BDA had acquired the land from farmers in 1998 for the formation of BTM Layout but it was sold by a few people to others.

"More than 25 acre of land worth crores of rupees was sold by a few people by creating fake documents. The issue was raised during the Belagavi Assembly session. The Chief Minister is aware of this land scam. The state government must take suitable measures," said Gowda.

He said 25 acre of land bearing survey numbers 27/1, 27/3, 29/1, 29/2, 29/3, 30, 33, and 34 at Devarachikkanahalli Village is worth more than Rs 1,000 crore. He said that he would approach the court seeking justice.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Man assaults ex-girlfriend

A man recently attacked a woman, his former girlfriend, by slashing her face with a knife and fleeing afterwards. The incident took place in HRBR Layout and Bengaluru East Division police are looking for the accused, Avinash.

The 30-year-old victim filed a police complaint, stating that Avinash did so as she refused to take his calls. He reportedly also threatened her to not have a relationship with anyone other than him.

—BMB

Gold smuggler arrested at airport

Customs officials arrested a person at the Bengaluru airport for allegedly trying to smuggle gold worth Rs 65 lakh.

The traveller who had come from Bahrain to Bengaluru on flight G280 was illegally transporting gold from abroad in the form of soap. A team of customs officers, acting on a tip, arrested the man with 1 kg and 171 grams of gold worth Rs 65 lakh. They are currently interrogating him.

—BMB

BJP MP's bindi taunt

Karnataka BJP MP from Kolar, S Muniswamy has been slammed for scolding a woman for not wearing a 'bindi' on her forehead at a public function held in the district on the occasion of International Women's Day.

The BJP MP was captured on camera questioning the woman for not wearing a 'bindi' despite her husband being alive. The Karnataka Congress had slammed the MP, saying that his attitude is an example of the saffron party's culture. Muniswamy while visiting several stalls put up by women stopped at a stall run by a woman selling clothes.

Pointing that she is not wearing a bindi, the MP allegedly questioned her.

"Who allowed you to put up a stall here? Where is your bindi? Is your husband still alive? Isn't he?" the MP asked the woman. The BJP leader later advised the woman to wear a bindi.

IANs

BJP MLC resigns

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party legislative council member Puttanna on Thursday joined the Congress alleging large scale corruption in the government.

Puttanna said he has tendered his resignation from the council as well as the primary membership of the BJP.

The four-time member of Legislative Council was representing the teachers' constituency of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagara districts. He was re-elected to the council in October 2020 and his tenure ends on October 2026.

"Today I arrived at the decision and resigned from the BJP's primary membership and legislative council membership. I submitted my resignation letter to the office of the legislative council chairman," Puttanna told reporters.

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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, THRISSUR.

OP (MV) 1350/2003
LA.4769/2016

Lathika etc - Petitioners
PK.Balan etc - Respondents

PK.Balan, S/o Kumaran, Puzhakadavil house, H.No.1, New Batta Showroom Main Road, Madavala, Bangalore, respondent No.1 in the above numbered case, take notice that the above case stands posted to 25-04-2023 for the appearance of Respondent No.1, failing which case will be set ex parte and decided accordingly. Dated this the 10th day of February 2023.

Counsel for petitioners
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Advocate

Dug up in 2019, forgotten till date

After laying pipeline, dug-up stretch of road in Banashankari, completely forgotten by agencies unconcerned

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Due to water shortage in the city, the Bangalore Water Supply Sewerage Board (BWSSB) was carrying out pipe-laying work as part of the Cauvery fifth Stage of water supply in the 110 villages. Pipelines were laid in many localities years ago, but the roads are yet to be restored!

24th Main Road, 4th T Block extension in Banashankari, was one such area. Residents of the area pointed out that the pipelines were laid in there in 2019.

It's been four years, and the roads are still in a disarray.

Manjunath, a resident of the Banashankari 6th stage said, "The Banashankari extension road of sixth stage comes under the BDA layout. The pipelines were laid in our areas in 2019. But the road wasn't restored as it came under the BBMP. We followed up with the officials but due to lack of coordination between the departments, the road is not getting any attention. BWSSB is saying they have finished their work of laying pipelines, while BBMP is stating that the further extension stretch does not come under them and have only asphalted the areas which is under their purview. As for the BDA, its response has not been positive. The BWSSB had to get permission from the BDA to dig the place, but they



24th Main Road, 4th T Block extension in Banashankari, has turned into a slushy non-road, thanks to various agencies' apathy

BWSSB says they have finished their work, while BBMP says the stretch is not under them; BDA's response is not good —Manjunath, citizen

went ahead to complete their work. Now the road is a muddy uneven stretch."

The residents pointed out that the stretch is a main connecting road to reach to the Thallagatapura metro station and Kengeri, where people go out to work. "Apart from the two wheeler and four wheelers, there

are round seven-eight school buses plying on this stretch on an everyday basis. During the rains, the road becomes slushy and many vehicles get stuck. It even turns into a sink hole. We have reported these issues multiple times and asked for the road to be restored, but no action has been taken so far," added Manjunath.

Roots of the matter

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trees. While officials promised that measures will be taken, nothing has happened on the ground. These trees are surviving on less than 40% of their root system intact," said a member of People of Basavanagudi, a collective of residents, traders and footpath vendors of the area.

Residents alleged that a copy of the project drawing available with the Heritage Basavanagudi Residents Welfare Forum showed that the project design involved drilling the tree roots for laying utility pipes. The project drawing by the DULT engineer includes drilling holes in the tree roots. While none of these heritage trees have been damaged above the ground and thus appear to be in good health, the majority of the roots have been impacted.

After waiting for two months, a group representing the People of Basavanagudi met the deputy conservator of forests, BBMP on Tuesday. However, they had to return disappointed.

"We met the forest cell DCF on Tuesday again and requested her to take immediate action against the contractors and engineers involved. The DCF informed us that an FIR has been filed against the contractor and an inquiry will be conducted by the department soon. Any action can be taken only after the inquiry report is submitted. However, since the work on the stretch is almost over, we are concerned that the contractor will not be available once the



bills are cleared. We demanded the FIR copy, but the officials refused to provide that to us," the member said.

According to experts, a tree with extensive root damage requires extra care to survive. They said damage to tree roots cannot be seen immediately. While the trees might keep standing for a few years with the help of stored energy in their branches and trunks, a weakened root system increases the chances of such trees falling during heavy rains or storms.

"The underground root system of a tree serves two purposes - fixation and absorption. All raw food material comes through the root system. However, once exposed, dehydration of the root system starts, weakening the mechanical support. Trees with fragile root systems in urban spaces are dangerous. We have been experiencing this issue on Margosa Road and in the Malleswaram area. It may take two or three years for trees to begin to look like they are declining and will soon result in tree death," said Ravindra Reshme, a botanist.

Of dysfunctional CCTV cameras

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installing cameras is not necessary as regular maintenance is crucial."

Crores of taxpayers' money has been spent on securing the streets of Bengaluru with CCTV cameras. But, the question is, how many of these are actually functional?

Indira Belde, a Bengaluru Navanirmana Party (BNP) leader said, "While carrying out a tree plantation drive at AECS Layout (ward no. 109), a group of volunteers found that a pole installed at the CMR IT College Junction, was covered by the branches of a tree. On clearing the tree, the volunteers discovered that there was a CCTV camera installed at the top of the pole. Unfortunately, this camera was found to be dysfunctional, as it is not connected to any monitor. BBMP, in the recently passed budget, allocated Rs 261 crore to install new CCTV cameras under the Safe City project. What is the point of installing thousands of cameras in the city when many of

them are not functional? What purpose do they serve? We accidentally found out that this particular CCTV camera is not working. We do not know if other CCTV cameras installed are in good working condition, or are suffering the same fate. The people involved in procuring and installing the cameras, including the BBMP and its officials, make money while citizens continue to live in non-secure neighbourhoods."

Belde claimed that last year, under the same project, an announcement was made by the BBMP, about the addition of 7,500 new cameras to the existing set of 1,100 cameras. This was financed by the Central government's Nirbhaya Fund.

"Crores of money is thus wasted on such projects which do not serve any purpose. We demand that BBMP audits the condition of the CCTV infrastructure in the city immediately and get it in working order. This is essential to bring the crime rate down in Bengaluru, and make it a safe city", Belde added.



BM's report on March 9

India-Pak/China conflict: US intel fears spike in tension

Evaluating for threat assessment, US intelligence team tells its lawmakers, under Modi India more likely to respond with military force against Pak

#Washington

The American intelligence community has told lawmakers that it apprehends increased tension between India and Pakistan and India and China with the possibility of a conflict between them.

It also noted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is more likely than in the past to respond with military force to "perceived or real" provocations from Pakistan.

This evaluation on Wednesday forms part of the annual threat assessment of the US intelligence community that was submitted to the US Congress by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence during a Congressional hearing.

While India and China have engaged in bilateral border talks and resolved border points, relations will remain strained in the wake of the countries' lethal clash in 2020, the most serious in decades, said the report.

The expanded military postures by both India and China along the disputed border elevate the risk of armed confrontation between two nuclear powers that might involve



Indian army convoy carrying reinforcements and supplies, drives towards Leh, on a highway bordering China (File photo)

direct threats to US persons and interests and calls for US intervention. Previous standoffs have demonstrated that persistent low-

level friction on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has the potential to escalate swiftly, it said.

Relations between China and

India have virtually frozen ever since the eastern Ladakh military standoff between the two countries in May 2020.

India has been maintaining that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

According to the report, the crises between India and Pakistan are of particular concern because of the risk of an escalatory cycle between two nuclear-armed states. New Delhi and Islamabad probably are inclined to reinforce the current calm in their relationship following both sides' renewal of a ceasefire along the Line of Control in early 2021.

"However, Pakistan has a long history of supporting anti-India militant groups, and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is more likely than in the past to respond with military force to perceived or real Pakistani provocations. Each side's perception of heightened tensions raises the risk of conflict, with violent unrest in Kashmir or a militant attack in India being potential flashpoints," it said.

— PTI

ED arrests jailed AAP leader Sisodia



#New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday arrested AAP leader and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on money laundering charges in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy, official sources said.

The 51-year-old was placed under arrest under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) following his second round of questioning at the Tihar jail, they said. The arrest of the AAP politician, a former journalist, by the federal probe agency comes a day before his bail plea will come up for hearing on March 10 before a CBI court. However, his judicial custody is till March 20. The ED alleged that Sisodia was "evasive" in his replies and was "not cooperating in the probe" and hence was arrested.

The agency is expected to obtain a production warrant from a special PMLA court and then produce him before it on Friday seeking his custody for interrogation. Sisodia is currently lodged in judicial custody after the CBI arrested him on February 26 in connection with alleged corruption in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped Delhi liquor or excise policy for 2021-22.

The first round of Sisodia's questioning by the ED took place on March 7 by a three-member team that obtained court's permission to question Sisodia during his judicial custody period. If the ED gets his custody, he will be taken to the agency's headquarters in central Delhi for questioning and further recording of his statement and confrontation with other accused, even if he gets bail in the CBI case on Friday.

ISRO receives Indo-US developed NISAR satellite

#Bengaluru

The US Air Force C-17 aircraft landed in Bengaluru on Wednesday and handed over NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) NISAR to the Indian space agency which marks a milestone in the US-India ties in space collaboration.

"Touchdown in Bengaluru! ISRO receives NISAR (@NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) on a @USAirforce C-17 from NASA/JPL in

California, setting the stage for final integration of the Earth observation satellite, a true symbol of US-India civil space collaboration," tweeted US Consulate General Chennai. NISAR, an Earth-observation satellite, is being jointly developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation.

NISAR was envisioned by NASA and ISRO eight years ago in 2014

as a powerful demonstration of the capability of radar as a science tool and help us study Earth's dynamic land and ice surfaces in greater detail than ever before. It is expected to be launched in January 2024 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre into a near-polar orbit. The satellite will operate for a minimum of three years. It is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory. NISAR will map the entire globe in 12 days.

It will be the first radar of its kind in space to systematically map Earth, using two different radar frequencies (L-band and S-band) to measure changes in our planet's surface less than a centimeter across. It will give data and information about the Earth's surface changes, natural hazards, and ecosystem disturbances, helping to advance understanding of Earth system processes and climate change.

— ANI

'Athletes shouldn't be subjected to mental agony'

#New Delhi

Sportspersons belong to stadium and not court corridors, and those who aim to bring laurels to motherland should not be subjected to mental agony by sports federations, the Delhi High Court has said while expressing its displeasure over the process of selection of equestrians to represent India in the upcoming Asian Games.

Justice Gaurang Kanth, while dealing with petitions by three equestrians, observed he was "deeply saddened by the sorry state of affairs and the deplorable condition of professionalism amongst the representatives of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI)" and the present case seemed to be a "David and Goliath contest, where an organization is using all its might to eliminate certain individual from the competition".

The grievances raised in the petitions by Chirag Khandal, Shashank Singh Kataria and Yash Nensee pertained to certain changes introduced by the federation in the selection criteria for the 19th Asian Games, scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China in September-October.

Ruling that the selection norms cannot be altered after commencement of the selection process, the court asserted all equestrians should "undergo rigorous practice rather than wasting their precious time" before it and permitted all those who participated in the selection process in terms of the old as well as the updated criteria to attend the coaching camps and participate further in the final selection process.

National Sports Federation like the EFI



should foster and identify best talent and not get muddled by hyper-technicality and personal vendettas, said the court.

"No one who aims to bring laurels to their motherland should be subjected to mental agony by the federations and its officials.

Bearing in mind the lower position of India in the medal tally in the last-held 18th Asia, our whole endeavour should be towards providing our athletes with a supportive ecosystem wherein their attention is only on improving their performance and achieving top spots in tournaments," said the court in its order passed on March 7.

'National assets'

The court emphasised athletes are national assets and added, "a National Sports Federation like the EFI should prioritize identifying and fostering the best talent, without being muddled by hyper-technicality and personal vendettas against any candidate. A sportsperson belongs to the field and stadium, not to the corridors of the Courts."

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How much is too much?



Human genome editing offers tantalising possibilities, but many ethical questions remain

The Third International Summit on Human Genome Editing was held this week in March 2023 at the Francis Crick Institute in London. Scientists, bioethicists, physicians, patients and others gathered to discuss the latest developments on this technology that lets researchers modify DNA with precision. And a major topic at the summit was how to enforce research policies and ethical principles for human genome editing.

One of the first agenda items was how to regulate human genome editing in China in light of its misuse in 2018, when scientists modified the DNA of two human embryos before birth to have resistance against HIV infection. The controversy stems from the fact that because the technology is relatively early in its development, and its potential risks have not been reduced or eliminated, editing human embryos in ways they could pass on to their own offspring could lead to a variety of known and unknown adverse complications. The summit speakers noted that while China has updated its

guidelines and laws on human genome editing, it failed to address privately funded research – an issue other countries also face. Many countries do not have sufficiently robust regulatory frameworks to prevent a repeat of the 2018 scandal.

We are a biochemist and a geneticist who teach and conduct research in genomics and ethics at the Rochester Institute of Technology. As in our classrooms, debate about genome editing continues in the field.

What is genome editing?

The human genome typically consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes made of approximately 3.2 billion nucleotides – the building blocks of DNA. There are four nucleotides that make up DNA: adenine (A), thymine (T), guanine (G) and cytosine (C). If the genome were a book, each chromosome would be a chapter, each gene on a particular chromosome would be a paragraph and each paragraph would be made of individual letters (A, T, G or C).

One can imagine a book with over three billion characters might need editing to correct mistakes that occurred during the writing or copying processes.

Genome editing is a way for scientists to make specific changes to the DNA in a cell or in an entire organism by adding, removing or swapping in or out one or more nucleotides. In people, these changes can be done in somatic cells, those with DNA that cannot be inherited by offspring, or in gamete cells, those containing DNA that can be passed on to offspring.

Genome editing of gamete cells, which includes egg or sperm, is controversial, as any changes would be passed on to descendants. Most existing guidelines and policies prohibit its use at this time.

How CRISPR works

In 2012, scientists published a groundbreaking study demonstrating how CRISPR, or Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats, can be used to accurately change specific DNA sequences.

CRISPR's natural origins are as a kind of immune response for bacteria. Bacteria that can be infected with viruses have evolved mechanisms to combat them. When a bacterium is infected with a particular virus, it keeps a small piece of the viral DNA sequence called a "spacer" in its own genome. This spacer is an exact match to the viral DNA. Upon subsequent infection, the bacterium is able to use the spacer to recruit a scissor-like protein called Cas9 that can sever new viral DNA attempting to integrate into the bacterium's genome. This cut to the genetic material prevents the virus from replicating and killing its bacterial host.

After this discovery, scientists were able to fine-tune the system in the lab to be highly precise. They can sever DNA from a variety of cells, including human cells, at a specific location in the genome and subsequently edit it by adding, removing or swapping nucleotides.

Many questions remain concerning the safety of genome editing, along with its potential to promote eugenics and exacerbate inequities and inequality

This is similar to adding or removing letters and words from a book.

This technology has the potential to treat diseases that have genetic origins. One of the summit's sessions covered CRISPR's ongoing experimental use to treat patients with sickle cell anemia and beta-thalassemia, two blood disorders caused by mutations in the genes. Notably, genetic modification to treat sickle cell anemia and beta-thalassemia involves editing somatic cells, not germline cells. But as the summit speakers noted, whether these likely expensive therapies will be accessible to the people who need them most, especially in low- and middle-income countries, is a problem that requires changes to how treatments are sold.

Ethics of human genome editing

Many questions remain concerning the safety of genome editing, along with its potential to promote eugenics and exacerbate inequities and inequality.

While the landmark 1979 Belmont Report outlined several ethical pillars to guide human research in the US, it was published before human genome editing was developed. In 2021, the World

Health Organization issued recommendations on human genome editing as a tool to advance public health.

There is no current international law governing human genome editing.

There is still a debate regarding how to use this technology. Some people equate genome editing to interfering with the work of God and argue that it shouldn't be used at all, while others recognise its potential value and weigh that against its potential risks. The latter focuses on the fundamental question of where to draw the line between which applications are considered acceptable and which are not. For example, some people will agree that using genome editing to modify a defective gene that may lead to an infant's death if untreated is acceptable. But these same people may frown upon the use of genome editing to ensure that an unborn child has specific physical features such as blue eyes or blond hair.

Nor is there consensus about what diseases are desirable targets. For example, it may be acceptable to modify a gene to prevent an infant's death but not acceptable to modify one that prevents a disease later in life, such as the gene responsible for Huntington's disease.

The potential for positive applications of human genome editing is numerous and tantalising. But establishing informed regulatory legislation everyone can agree will continue to be a challenge. Conferences such as the human genome editing summit are one way to continue discussions and educate the scientific community on the benefits/risks of genome editing.

—André O Hudson and Gary Skuse
(The Conversation)

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man in my late-30s and came out of a long term relationship just before the pandemic. I felt lonely and miserable for a long time, but then I met a woman about a year ago who I've been seeing casually ever since. She made it clear from the beginning she didn't want a traditional relationship - no dating, no long term future. And I was OK with that for a long time because I just wanted companionship, fun sex, and to put my last relationship behind me. Now, though, it's not enough. I feel ready for commitment and want a long-term future with someone, and possibly marriage and a family. I went over to hers last week and told her all this, but she won't change her mind.

She says she's happy with the way things are. She's divorced and says she never wants to marry again and has everything she needs.

I really like her and the sex is the best of my life, so it's tempting to carry on. I'm confused because I know she's ultimately not right for me, but I've developed feelings for her and hate the idea of another break-up and being alone again.

COLEEN SAYS

It seems clear cut that you both want different things and she's been up front from the start.

If you want more than that, then you are wasting your time with her. You should never stay with someone because you're afraid of being on your own. Trust me, you'll feel more alone being with someone who doesn't want what you want.

You have to believe you deserve more than what you've got with this woman. You have loads of love to give someone and she's not The One. Try not to look at the end of this in a negative way - it's not right for you.

—Coleen Nolan,
Daily Mirror

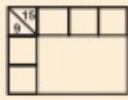
Calculate the number of degrees between the hour hand and the minute hand of an analog clock that reads 3:15.

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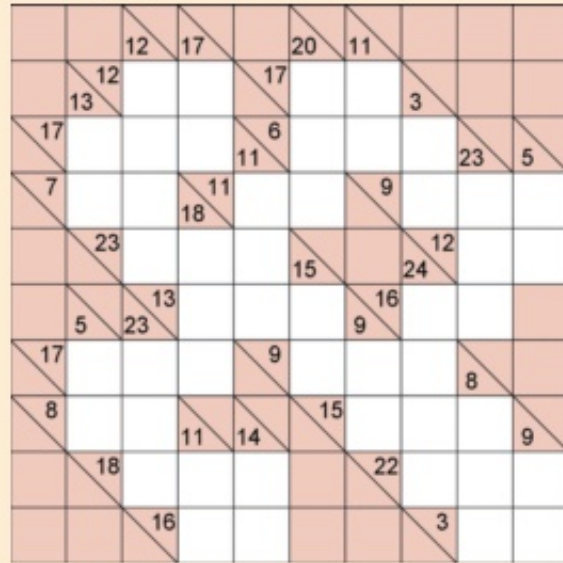
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

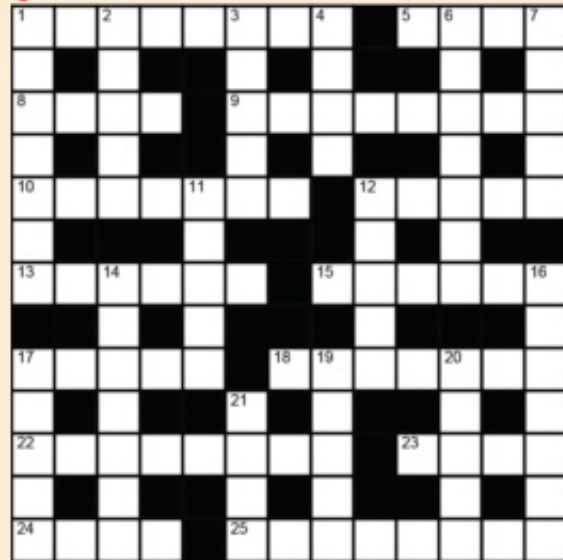


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Surrounding atmosphere (8)
- 5 Trojan War hero (4)
- 8 Indian garment (4)
- 9 Substitutes (8)
- 10 Delight, hearten or inspire (7)
- 12 Ex-P.M. Morarji Bhargava (5)
- 13 Falls near Rajiv Gandhi National Park (6)
- 15 Frightens or discourages (6)
- 17 Boat, artifice or skills (5)
- 18 Pushed or elbowed (7)
- 22 One of India's major rivers (8)
- 23 Heroic tale (4)
- 24 Go on horseback (4)
- 25 Killer (8)

DOWN

- 1 An African spear (7)
- 2 Real Madrid's arch rivals in short (5)
- 3 Scandinavian? (5)
- 4 Catch sight of (4)
- 6 Thriller singer Michael (7)
- 7 Porticos or roofed areas where ancient Greek athletes trained (5)
- 11 Storehouse (5)
- 12 Horsecarts—"yards" anagram (5)
- 14 Without assistance (7)
- 16 Motor-cycle attachment? (7)
- 17 Roll of tobacco leaves (5)
- 19 Willow tree (5)
- 20 Victim of Hansen's disease? (5)
- 21 Damage (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS W
XS LWBQ WBS QMLS OB O
QJJD, EJQ OB O YJWYC.



Linemaro

The more I get to know you, the more attractive you are



Mindchow

To achieve greatness, start where you are, use what you have, do what you can



Joke of the day

Vet: I'll have to put your dog down
Owner (shocked): But why?
Vet: He is too heavy

Loop

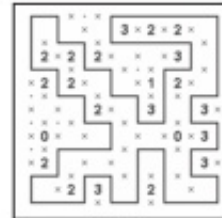
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

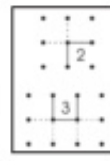
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

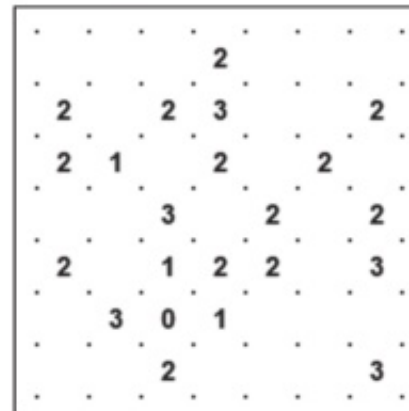
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



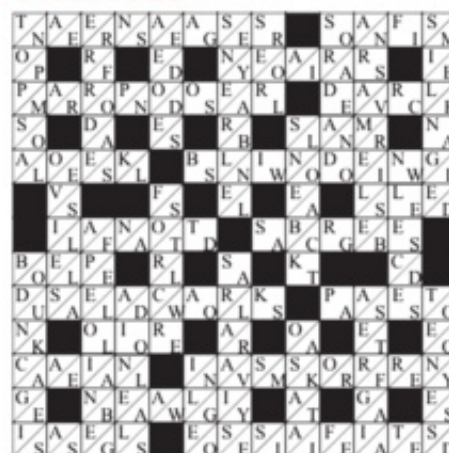
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



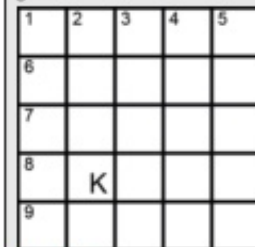
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

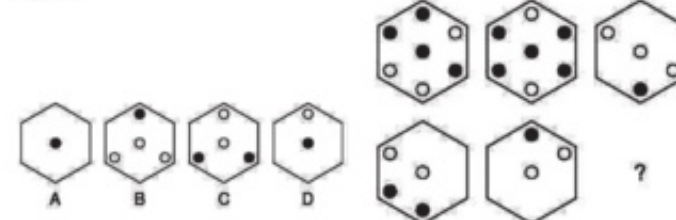
- 1 Trail; 6 O Hell;
- 7 Riles; 8 Kayos;
- 9 By Ill

DOWN

- 1 Broth; 2 Irk ie;
- 3 Leal I; 4 Ally L;
- 5 So sly

Mensapuzzle

Which hexagon should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

1 3 6 7 = 15

Medium

1 3 6 7 = 3

Hard

3 5 6 5 = 15

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Window is wider. 3. Tree trunk is wider. 4. Mailbox is higher. 5. Fence is shorter. 6. Front door is wider.

Riddler

What is the next number in the series: 9; 65; 513; 4,097?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Learner's plate
- 2 51 in ancient Rome
- 3 It's nothing at all
- 4 Queue or row
- 5 Winnie the Pooh creator
- 6 Flunky
- 7 Gypsism or borax

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of your personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do well in terms of your professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff may support you. Investments in gems and jewellery are likely to give you positive gains in the future.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may be busy with family get-togethers and social events. You may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your prestige among them. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household items, which may improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your relatives.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may be busy on the work front, which can make you tired. You may not be able to give proper time to your family. You may be able to create an overseas network. You should be careful in terms of investments. Those in jobs may get promotions.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

You may be happy. You may have some sort of energy which may improve your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual topics. You may also plan for some higher studies to groom your career. Students may hear good news in terms of competitive examinations.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may be happy and blessed by the moon. You may feel healthy, which may reflect into your way of working. You may perform well in all areas of life, which may improve your prestige. Your concentration may be very good today. You may take some difficult decisions in your business in terms of growth.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today situations are under control. Your destiny is likely to be with you in terms of gains in business. You may get some rewards for your hard work. It may be a good time to reinstate postponed projects. You may expect spiritual travel. You may also plan to donate some amount to charity.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, at the start of the day, you may be dull. After late evening, you may control this negativity. New people may connect with you on the work front. With the help of these people, you may try to revamp your business plans. It is advised to read documents before putting your signature on them.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today your vital power may slow down. Old disease may reappear in some cases, which could make you upset. You are advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. You are advised to avoid any type of litigation. You may settle it out of the jury. Try to avoid making arguments on worthless topics. You may also plan for overseas tours.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today your moon is not in a good position. You may have health issues. You may face losses in business or in investments. It is advised not to invest in business. Your gains will convert to losses. So you are advised to stop making investments in worthless objects. You should avoid controversies, otherwise it will pull you down negatively.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, with the help of elders, you may control your indecisiveness. Your children's health is better now. Your colleagues may be supportive of your work, which will convert to success in terms of a project. You may expect to get some incentives with your salary. Those related to dairy, water projects, grains, home maker art, and culture may do well.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may take quick decisions, which may increase your management skills. This will benefit you in the near future. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your business partner, you may invest some capital in business. Your bonding with your spouse may be increased.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

You are blessed by the moon today. You may expect to hear some good news in terms of your profession. Your domestic life is likely to be in full swings of joy. You are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics. Overexcitement may test your patience. You can take important decisions about investments in real estate. Students will be focused on their studies.



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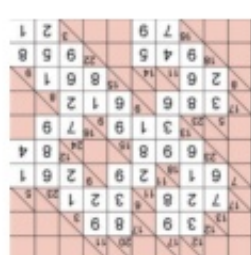
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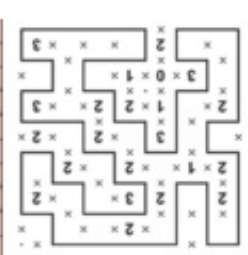
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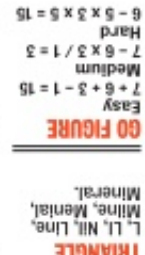
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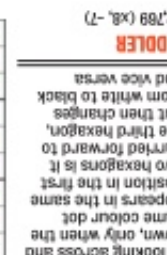
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MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULL'S EYE



QUOTE UNCODE

Marred memory

When PC spoke up about her nose surgery and how she felt about it

Celebrities undergoing corrective surgeries are not new. However, a very few of them have come out and spoken about it openly and one of them has been Priyanka Chopra.

In her autobiography, 'Unfinished', Priyanka opened up about getting a nose surgery which gave her a completely new look. The actress also spoke about not feeling like herself after the surgery.

Talking about the incident in her autobiography Unfinished, she said, "While shaving off the polyp, the doctor accidentally shaved the bridge of my nose and the bridge collapsed. When it was time to remove the bandages and the condition of my nose was revealed, Mom and I were horrified. My original nose was gone. My face looked completely different. I wasn't me anymore." Priyanka also added, "I felt devastated and hopeless. Every time I looked in the mirror, a stranger looked back at me, and I didn't think my sense of self or my self-esteem would ever recover from the blow."

According to reports, Priyanka had got the surgery done during her initial days in the industry when she was very conscious about how she looked.

—ETimes



Snapshots from a dream

Shriya Saran treated her fans on Instagram with some dreamy pictures of herself along with her darling daughter Radha from a photoshoot and it looks straight out of a fairytale.

Dressed in a multi-coloured co-ord set, Shriya looks drop-dead gorgeous. The actress is seen holding Radha in her arms, who looks pretty as a peach in her white dress. The mother-daughter duo is seen posing playfully in a scenic grass field.

As soon as she shared the lovely pictures, likes and comments poured in from all sides. While one fan wrote, 'Now this got my heart', another one added, 'Omg Shriya love this picture with Radha'. One user also called Shriya, 'Always Dream Queen'. She dated tennis player Andrei Koscheev for a few years before she tied the wedding knot with him in Udaipur in 2018. The duo welcomed their daughter



Radha in January 2020.

On the work front, she was last seen in 'Drishyam 2' with Ajay Devgn, Ishita

Dutta, Akshaye Khanna and Tabu. Next, she has films like, 'Kabzaa' and 'Drishyam 3' in her pipeline. —ETimes

Price she paid for 'Basic Instinct'

Actress Sharon Stone revealed on the 'Table for Two' podcast that she lost custody of her son in part because of 'Basic Instinct' and all the controversy the 1992 drama ignited over her infamous nude scene.

After her divorce from Phil Bronstein was finalised in 2004, a judge ruled that he would have custody of their son, Roan. The two adopted Roan in 2000. Stone told podcast host Bruce Bozzi that 'Basic Instinct' played a role in the custody battle, reports 'Variety'. "I lost custody of my child," Stone said. "When the judge asked - my child my tiny little boy, 'Do you know your



mother makes sex movies?' Like, this kind of abuse by the system - that I was considered what kind of parent I was, because I made that movie." "People are walking around with no clothes on at all on regular TV now and you saw maybe like a 16th of a second of possible nudity of me - and I lost custody of my child," Stone added. —IANS

For a good laugh

Hemant Hegde, known for handling the megaphone for Kannada movies Nimbe Huli, Goa, and Sa, is all set to come out with an out and out comedy movie - Nam Naani Maduve Prasanga. One of the songs of this movie was released by music director and actor V Manohar at MMB Legacy on Monday.

The song was released through A2 Music. Ravi Murur has scored the music and the lyrics were penned by Hemant Hegde himself.

"Nam Naani Maduve Prasanga is a comedy drama. A part of the movie is

about a shortage of brides for prospective grooms from farmer families. I am sure that the audiences will enjoy this movie. It was mostly shot in and around Sirsi. I have mostly acted in commercial films so far. Nam Naani Maduve Prasanga is the first movie to be made in one particular region of Karnataka," said Hemant Hegde.

Music director V Manohar said he watched the film. "The movie is good. It has two songs. Today I released a song with music by Ravi Murur. The other song for which I composed music will be released shortly," said Manohar.

Sandeep Nagaraj has bankrolled this movie.



children's movie. It was shot in and around Sullia. The film is about Kanasu, a girl born and brought up in coastal plains, who comes to Sullia. Inspired by the beautiful locales, Kanasu begins to ask innocent questions. Her immediate neighbour is a deaf and dumb senior citizen, who rears a hen. The movie is about the quarrels and friendship between the elderly man and the child," said Mada.

Naveen Padil plays the role of the senior citizen while Kumari Gowrika Deepulal plays Kanasu.

The director said some of the scenes of the play Amara Sullia Rebellion were used in this movie. "We are waiting for a suitable time to release the film at theaters," he said.



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Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Say it in Arebhashe

Director Santosh Mada, whose movie Jeetige was adjudged the best Tulu movie at the 68th National Film Awards, has come up with one more unique movie - Moogajjana Koli. Moogajjana Koli is the first film to be made in Arebhashe, a dialect of Kannada spoken by Gowda and other communities in Kodagu and Sullia of Dakshina Kannada district.

"I had an ambition to make a movie in Arebhashe. So, I directed Moogajjana Koli, a

Satish Kaushik:

April 13, 1956-March 9, 2023

TEARY FAREWELL TO A LEGEND

A host of Bollywood celebrities arrived at late actor Satish Kaushik's residence to pay respects to him and the bereaved family.

Among those who paid first visits were the late actor's close friends Anupam Kher, Javed Akhtar and Boney Kapoor. Salman Khan also paid his last respects to Satish Kaushik.

Farhan Akhtar, Shilpa Shetty, Pankaj Tripathi, Ranbir Kapoor, Sanjay Kapoor, Aruna Irani, Anu Malik, Abhishek Bachchan, Ishaan Khatter, David Dhawan, and Rakhi Sawant were also spotted outside the late actor's residence.

Satish Kaushik passed away at 66 following a heart attack in the wee hours of Thursday. He was reportedly visiting someone in the national capital, New Delhi when he suffered a cardiac arrest.

The mortal remains of the late actor were brought to Mumbai earlier on Thursday for the final rites. He will be cremated later on Thursday.

A versatile actor, writer, director and producer, Kaushik made his mark in the film industry with captivating performances and unique sense of humour.

